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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ILO
SUBJ: ILO: WRAP-UP ON GOVERNING BODY PLENARY

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF 202ND GOVERNING BODY (GB) PLENARY DECISIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AGENDA ITEMS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16 (AND SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW), 17 AND 18, WERE ACCEPTED OR NOTED AFTER ROUTINE DISCUSSION. AGENDA ITEMS 4, 6, AND 15 WERE POSTPONED UNTIL MAY G. ALSO POSTPONED TO MAY - AT REQUEST OF WORKERS - WAS AGENDA ITEM 16 - 5TH SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF DG (ICFTU COMPLAINT AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA). THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS HAD SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION.

3. ITEM 2, GDB 202/2/2 REVISION OF DOCKERS CONVENTION (NO 32): GB DECIDED ON A DOUBLE DISCUSSION INSTEAD OF A SINGLE DISCUSSION AND A SMALL WORKING PARTY. EMPLOYERS, AS EXPECTED, SUPPORTED DOUBLE DISCUSSION WHILE WORKERS FAVORED SINGLE
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DISCUSSION. GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS WERE MIXED. NOTEWORTHY WAS JAPAN'S POSTURE OF FAVORING DOUBLE DISCUSSION BUT NOT INSISTING SO LONG AS IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SINGLE DISCUSSION WOULD NOT BE GENERAL PRACTICE. WORKER VICE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR VOTE IN FAVOR OF SINGLE DISCUSSION SUPPLEMENTED BY A SMALL MEETING OF EXPERTS. VOTE WAS 28 IN FAVOR

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OF SINGLE DISCUSSION, 24 IN FAVOR OF DOUBLE. AS
3/5THS MAJORITY WAS REQUIRED, MOTION LOST.

4. ITEM 8, FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION:
GB ADOPTED, WITH MINIMUM DISCUSSION,IFOUR REPORTS.
TWO MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AND
ADOPTED ARE:

A. A NEW PROCEDURE FOR THE HOLDING OF DISCUSSIONS
DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
GOVTS WHICH HAVE NOT PROVIDED THE INFORMATION
REQUESTED OF THEM BY THE COMMITTEE (PARAS 19-28
OF GB 202/8/10); AND

B. THE PRINCIPLE THAT FORCED EXILE IS A VIOLATION
OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS.

5. ITEM 11, AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17: REFERRED TO
CONFERENCE COMMITTE ON STANDING ORDERS (GENEVA
1568).

6. ITEM 12, REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
COMMITTEE: SEE GENEVA 1628.

7. ITEM 16, FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON SITUATION
IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: REPORT ACCEPTED (SEE
GENEVA 1571).

8. ITEM 19: KANTI MEHTA (INDIAN WORKER), CARLOS
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VEGH-GARZON (VENEZUELAN EMPLOYER) AND LUCILLE
CARON (CANDAIAN GOVT) WERE APPOINTED TO METAL
TRADES COMMITTEE. CATTO

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